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### To Our City Council.

According to the St. Louis exposition the City Beautiful was not the National Capital, but Minneapolis-St. Paul. Not population, or wealth, or natural advantage was the explanation. It was enterprise, operating through the city councils of the two municipalities.

Another exposition is about to be held and at the very door of Washington. The National Capital ought surely to appear there dressed in her best. But she cannot do so without enterprise, operating through her city council—which is to say, the two Congressional Committees on the District of Columbia.

### Military Penury.

Out of a practical struggle with it, the chief of staff has recommended to the Secretary of War a general increase in the pay of the army.

General Bell was a lieutenant from his graduation in 1878—eight years after the present scale was ordered—to 1898. He knows well the difficulty of buying \$1,000 worth of uniforms and equipment and living the first year on \$1,400. He knows also that the advance to a first lieutenant and \$1,800 does not allow very generously for a wife and family. And he had plenty of time to observe while in close touch with his enlisted men that \$13 a month for the privates and not over \$40 a month for the best non-commissioned officers is even worse.

Since 1870 the cost of living has increased—in the army as elsewhere. The pay, always too low, has stood still. The army has not suffered for capable subaltern officers on this account. It has been the officers who have suffered.

But the army has lacked for capable enlisted men. It has more than once lost 7,000 in a year through desertions. The material the army needs is driven to it only in times of financial depression when work is hard to get elsewhere. When civilian employment offers, this material deserts.

In the navy corresponding disadvantages exist for the same causes. The captains and admirals, like the colonels and generals, are fairly well provided for. But the lieutenants, ensigns, paymasters, and seamen are mighty poorly off. There is a strong disposition in Congress to man the American navy with Americans exclusively. That can never be done—and it is well—while the pay is so negligible and the task so enormous as now.

### Whose Ox Is Gored.

The North has been mighty busy for a number of years solving the negro problem for the benefit of the South. The shelves of the Congressional Library would not be large enough to hold the volumes of book and newspaper advice that has been offered on this proposition by authors and editors north of Mason and Dixon's line. Some recent developments, however, have rather changed the current of intelligent thought on this subject and there is in the North a growing disposition to allow the South to handle the problem in her own way, adjusting treatment to conditions.

The Charleston News and Courier, on this subject, hands the North this rather hard, if justified, knock: Andrew Carnegie gives his millions to Tuskegee and trumpets abroad that he wears the shoes its students make, but here isn't gift enough in the crop of the bestower of hero medals to protect fifty of these same Alabama negroes from bodily harm when they go to Pennsylvania seeking work in a Carnegie factory. Nor do we believe that were the whole North to be raked and scraped, would courage enough be found to protect the lives of fifty Tuskegee trained shoemakers should they be introduced to a body into a unionized New England factory.

The lynching and burning of negroes in Ohio and Indiana within the year, the race riots on the East Side in New York, the Japanese troubles in San Francisco, and the horrors perpetrated in Chicago on account of labor troubles, all tend to show that each State and each community is best able to deal with its local problems. The solution of apparently complex racial or other questions can be best furnished by the persons who are best informed of the local conditions in the communities where the evils exist. Boston, for instance, would probably be as much in the dark about the proper disposition of the Japanese question in San Francisco as about the Italian question in New Orleans.

or the negro troubles in Atlanta. General theories are often, nearly always, lame and impotent in the face of specific local conditions. The trait of refusing to meddle in other folks' business is as desirable in a State or a section as it is in an individual. The South, so long as she observes national laws, should be allowed to handle her local problems in her own way.

### The Lumber Trust.

John D. Rockefeller is commonly thought the wealthiest man in the world, though nobody seems to know just why this estimate is placed on him. There is another American, comparatively unknown, whom many people believe to be as wealthy as the oil king, perhaps more. He is Frederick Weyerhaeuser. Ever hear of him? Most people haven't. But there is nobody who has not paid tribute to him.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser is the head of the Lumber trust. It is the most highly organized, most effective trust. It is no great corporation, owning a whole industry. It is simply a criminal conspiracy, or rather a great series of them. It is the easiest trust in the country to "bust," and one that most deserves "busting."

It has control of the lumber lands of the United States, largely secured by crimes against the land laws. It controls the manufacture of lumber by means of conspiracies against trade. It regulates the wholesaling of lumber in like fashion. It compels the retailers of lumber in almost every village and city to be parties to a local conspiracy of which every buyer is the victim. It is in league with railroads to get transportation favors, it has debauched public officials that it might loot the nation's forests. It is destroying the forests without making provision to restore them.

It stands pat for the lumber schedules that prevent importation of Canadian lumber, while it is getting control of Canadian forests as fast as possible, against the day when there may be revision. When it is ready, it will want free trade in lumber. Then it will sell us Canadian lumber at exorbitant prices, and pile up more millions.

The Oil trust is a benefice, a charity, compared to the Lumber trust. The Steel trust is feeble, ineffective, clumsy. The Sugar trust, indeed, is worthy to be compared with the Lumber trust, and it is the only one.

Senator Kittredge wants the Lumber trust investigated. He will doubtless get it; and when the facts are all known the country will realize, what is here set forth, that the most greedy, exacting, demoralizing, and powerful trust of them all is this same Lumber trust.

### Let the People Decide.

By one means or another Congress has been brought to consider amendments to the Constitution to effect the following:

A change in the date of the inauguration ceremonies.

The election of Senators by popular vote.

An increase in the term of office for the President to six years.

The relegation to Congress of the whole subject of marriage and divorce.

The establishment of an income tax.

Never, except to adjust the Constitution immediately after its adoption and at the close of war, has Congress consented to submit proposed changes to the people. They have been regularly suppressed in the Senate.

Here are five proposed amendments, in several of which the nation has great interest. The Senate cannot suppress them permanently. And it will do itself no good to make the attempt.

A French professor says that the greatest wealth of ideas is to be had from 2 to 5 o'clock in the morning. Not in localities where the midnight closing ordinance is enforced.

The Democratic party in Pennsylvania is to be reorganized. The trouble with the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania is that it is usually organized by the Republicans.

With the departments at variance on the question of simplified spelling, the Public Printer may get out of the tangle by issuing instructions for his force to follow copy.

Chicago wants the South to suppress Senator Tillman. It's a little cheeky in Chicago to ask the South to do something she could not do herself.

Lawyers should do something to show their appreciation of that Pittsburgh woman who died leaving six wills and an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

Another complaint against the Japanese in San Francisco is that they interest upon working and take no interest in local politics.

Senator Cleveland, of New Jersey, and Senator Roosevelt, of New York, might arrange a pair during the hunting season.

In pointing out the differences between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan, the electoral vote should not be overlooked.

It would be much better if a boy could go through college without going through his father at the same time.

It cost Zion City several years' time and \$15,000,000 to learn that Dow is insane.

## For That Droop Feeling

### LETTERS FROM

The Editor  
Washington Times  
THE PEEPUL

Letters "touchin' on and appertainin' to" almost everything from motor cars and monuments to poetry and peas, are sent to us. Some expect a reply, some get one. The others are too deep for us, but an effort will be made to print the more interesting letters from the "peepul," provided they are limited to 200 words or less, on the Elbert Hubbard plan, that is, every little while.

Dear Mr. Editor: Police Chief Sylvester has done a lot toward making Washington a cleaner and a safer city, as far as the streets go. Of course, he has no jurisdiction over city hall. But while the sidewalks are now almost antiseptic, and while the streets are clean, and while little boys are not endangering their lives stealing rides, he has yet a great wrong to right. I refer to the innumerable "goose-necked" individuals who stand on windy corners and ogle us women. What with damp sidewalks, long skirts, and high winds, we cannot avoid a display of hosiery. Don't you think Major Sylvester ought to stop it?

PRUDENCE M'CHINN.  
West Washington.  
Stop what, the display of hosiery or the high winds? Surely, Miss M'Chinn, you cannot expect Major Sylvester to extract the rubber from every citizen's neck. Why don't you get this W. C. T. U. or the Society for the Prevention of Blind Stutters to give every adult male a pair of blinders?

We will bet you tip the scales at about eighty-six pounds.  
FATHER GOOSE

"Oh, where are you going, my pretty maiden fair, With your big leather cap Upon your black hair?"

"I'm going a-mooring, Kind sir," says she. "And you've got to swoot some. If you would catch me!"

"May I go with you, My chaffereuse fair?" "Oh, yes, you may, if you like. The auto don't care!"

"And now should I kiss you, My motor-girl, sweet?" "You should if not troubled With what's called 'cold feet'!"

"And will you be mine, My sweet auto queen?" "You better be, or you'll be left with gasoline!"

## TROOPS' DISMISSAL

### USED FOR THUNDER

Republicans in Close Districts Defending Colored Men.

"Charged with dynamite" is the way a good many members of Congress express their view of the controversy that has arisen over the discharge of the soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for their conduct at Brownsville at the time of the riots. So much politics is involved in the controversy that most unexpected results may spring from it.

Necessity for holding the colored vote in a number of Northern Congressional districts is deeply involved in the consideration of the question in the Senate now, and will be involved in its consideration by the House later if that body takes it up.

Feeling of this sort on the part of a good many Representatives and some Senators will not only affect consideration of the discharged company, as well as the Twenty-fifth, but other questions. Representative Slayden of Texas, Democrat, has introduced a bill to shut the negro out of the army. There is already a Republican bill pending, countering this by presenting a bill to increase the number of negro troops and pressing it to a passage.

Not only is there discussion of the subject of increasing the number of colored soldiers in the army, but the question of cutting down Southern representation is being given attention. Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, said several days ago that he would renew his efforts for legislation on this question. It is true, of course, that it would be impossible at the present short session to get a bill through Congress to cut down Southern representation, but agitation of the subject would be of value for political war in close Republican districts.

## COMPELLED TO HIRE

### CHINESE LABOR

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The West Prussian Agricultural Association has passed a resolution stating that while the step was regrettable and undesirable the necessity for farm laborers in Prussia has made it necessary to import Chinese coolies.

## AMERICANS BROKE IN PARIS.

An unprecedented number of Americans are stranded in Paris this year, and the American relief society here, as well as all Americans within reach, are being overwhelmed with requests for assistance. They insist that the relief society here is a pathetic one, where the penniless Americans are being in the streets of the city.

One of the appeals made to the American Relief Society are pathetic others almost humorous and all of them difficult to cope with.

One of the recent appeals for assistance was from a man who came from Texas to Paris early in the summer to make money by teaching the Parisians how to walk on stilts.

In England, where he promenade the streets of London in a large sombrero and trousers eleven feet long, he created a sensation and earned a comfortable living. But in Paris the police cut his stilt show in the act, as well as the metaphorical sense of the word. They took his stilts away from him and refused to allow him to use them again.

The relief society has sent him, his wife, and his child to London.

As none of these American beggars speak a word of any language except their own, and as far as the United States are heavy, the American Relief Society is dumping as many of the beggars as it can into London—London Express.

## TELLING IT

SERGT. MILSHANE

"Which bank?" queried Desk Sergeant Shane at the phone, just as the cub reporter came in.

The cub stood with open mouth, apparently to assist him in listening. "Got it? They was in the bank, hey? Well, I'll send a couple av th' boys out from here," and Sergeant Shane hung up the receiver and turned in time to see the cub reporter dancing up and down in his eagerness to ask questions.

Sergeant Shane frowned an instant when he saw the young man, but, with a wise glance at Assistant Duggin, he said: "Well?"

"Oh, you needn't try to fool me this time, I'm on. I heard about the bank robbery. Where is it?"

"As long as ye heard, I suppose th' secret is out, but, kindly, don't tell the others. 'Tis a bank robbery down on Steenth street, th'—"

The cub reporter waited to hear no more, but was already on his way. "I might have mentioned th' lad th' was from a sand bank down on Steenth street, th'—"

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## Said and Done in Congress

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### Cooper Predicts Passage Of Porto Rican Measure

American citizenship for the people of Porto Rico is the proposition which the House will pass before the Christmas holidays, according to Chairman Cooper, of the House Committee on Insular Affairs. This bill was reported favorably by the House last session, and is recommended for passage by the President's message.

### Three Members Revel In Newspaper Reading

There are three men on the floor of the House who are incessant newspaper readers. They are Representatives Champ Clark, Grosvenor and Hepburn, and each of them exhibits a vast amount of general information when he takes the floor for a speech.

### Date on Meat Labels Demand of Beveridge

Senator Beveridge of Indiana has introduced a bill to amend the meat inspection law of the last session by incorporating into it the requirement that the date be placed on the label on inspected meat, and also requiring that packers pay the expense of inspection.

### Wharton's Striped Vest The Envy of Members

Representative Wharton of Chicago was defeated for re-election last month, but the blow has, apparently, had no effect on his youthful spirits. He appears in the House these days arrayed in a striped vest that would make "Tim" Woodruff green with envy while he knelt down and begged Mr. Wharton to tell him where such things could be bought.

When Mr. Wharton sticks his thumbs in the armpits of that striped vest, no one would think he had lost his Congressional job.

### BIG RUSSIAN LIBRARY COMES TO WASHINGTON

An addition of 80,000 volumes will shortly be made to the collection of the Library of Congress, the United States having purchased the complete library of G. V. Yudin, the Russian bibliographer.

Henry Putnam, librarian at the Congressional Library, stated this morning that although the collection ranks as a purchase, it is still more a gift, it having been purchased for one-third of its original cost.

### ONE OF DUBLIN'S GLORIES.

The old Irish parliament house, which, according to rumor may be occupied by a national council under a devolution scheme ere long, is one of the architectural glories of Dublin. In its exterior aspect it remains the same as it was when in the possession of the lords and commons of Ireland, but internally it has been knocked about to meet the requirements of the Bank of Ireland, into whose hands it passed after the act of union. The present public banking chamber occupies part of its site. But the house of lords remains intact, just as it was at the time of the union, and is the most interesting and attractive part of the building to visitors.—London Chronicle.

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